

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

**Senior Center
Tufts Administration Building
167 Holland Street**

**Regular Meeting
Monday
March 17, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Andrew Upton called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Vito Vaccaro, John J. McKenna, Inspector Warren Chaille, Fire Lt. Robert MacLaughlin & Executive Secretary Jenneen M. Pagliaro.

Minutes of the February 19, 2014 Hearing were accepted as submitted.

Communication

99 Restaurant & Pub, 20 Cummings St. notifying the Commission that they will be shut down for five days beginning March 30, 2014 for renovations of the restaurant. The Board took administrative notice and placed the communication on file.

Common Victualers Licenses

**Fortissimo Coffee House, Inc.
365 Somerville Ave.**

Present: Rodrigo Borges

Mr. Borges came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license for 365 Somerville Ave.

The new owner has restaurant experience.

Along with the application, a menu, floor plan and lease were submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

J.P. Licks @ Assembly Row
611 Assembly Row

Present: Michael Cody

Mr. Cody came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license for 611 Assembly Row.

This will be a second location for this business. The other store is located in Davis Square.

Along with the application, a menu, floor plan and lease were submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

Boston Falafel Corporation
1 Main St.

Present: Mohammed Seffo came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license for 1 Main St.

The new owner has restaurant experience.

Along with the application, a menu, floor plan and lease were submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

Special Alcohol Licenses

St. Anthony's Parish
12 Properzi Way

Present: Pacceli Braga

Mr. Braga came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for a Mother's Day Feast on May 10, 2014 from 8PM-12AM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcohol.

Police and Fire Details have been requested.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Alcohol License as presented.

Somerville Home, Inc.

Present: Edwin Smith

Mr. Smith came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for Taste of Somerville to be held Outdoors in Buena Vista Parking Lot on June 4, 2014 from 5PM-9PM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcohol.

Police and Fire Details have been requested.

Stephen MacKay, Chamber of Commerce spoke in support this event.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Alcohol License as presented.

Paint Nite
230 Somerville Ave.

Present: Kate Harris

Ms. Harris came before the Commission requesting approval of (Ten) Special Alcohol Licenses for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for Painting Instruction on April 11,12,25,26, May 2,3,16,17,30,31, 2014 from 7PM-10PM.

Chairman Upton stated Paint Nite appeared before the Commission at last months hearing with an application for a City Owned Alcohol License. However they weren't granted one and the Commission suggested they apply for One day Special Alcohol licenses.

Fire Lt. McLaughlin requested the occupancy number per event.

Ms. Harris answered 49 people.

Inspectional Services has not signed off on this application and will not sign off until the business is ready to open.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Alcohol License as presented pending ISD signoff.

All Forms Alcohol Club License

Pledge of License

Somerville City Club, Inc.
20 Innerbelt Rd.

Present: Michael Duncan

Mr. Duncan came before the Commission requesting approval for a pledge of license to RBS Citizen's Bank.

Mr. Duncan stated this pledge is necessary to pay a balloon loan from 2003.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Pledge of License.

All Forms Alcoholic Beverages
7 Day Restaurant Licenses

Alterations To Premises

Aguacate Verde
13 Elm St.

Present: Sylvia DeLaSota

Ms. DeLaSota came before the Commission requesting approval for alterations to the premises for the addition of a bar at 13 Elm St.

Ms. DeLaSota wants to add a small sangria bar for seating of 7 people.

Commissioner McKenna stated that the Commission approved the Beer and Wine license this past August and Ms. DeLaSota never spoke of having a bar at the establishment.

Commissioner Vaccaro quoted rule 7.03 service with full meal only.

Chairman Upton wanted to know if Ms. DeLaSota did any community outreach.

Ms. DeLaSota stated that she has not done any community outreach.

Chairman Upton suggested Ms. DeLaSota's plan needs further development and some Community Outreach.

Ms. DeLaSota requested to withdraw the application.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to allow Withdrawal of the application.

(New) City License-Non Transferable)
All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License.
ASSEMBLY ROW (Common Victualer & Entertainment License)

River Bar, LLC
661 Assembly Row

Present: Kenneth Kelly

Mr. Kelly came before the Commission requesting approval for a New All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualer License and Entertainment License at 661 Assembly Row.

This establishment will be 1400 sq. ft. located at Assembly Row.

This establishment will have 37 seats with an outdoor patio lounge and 2 inside bars. The neighborhood has not yet been established but Mr. Kelly plans to work with the neighborhood in the future.

George Proakis of OSPCD recommended approval of this application.

Mr. Kelly stated that the lease has a lot of restrictions in place in order to keep noise to reasonable levels for the neighbors.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to a grant New All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualer License and Entertainment License.

New Farmer Series Pouring Permit

TBD Brewing LLC
d/b/a Aeronaut Brewing Company

Present: Attorney Sean O'Donovan

Atty. O'Donovan representing TBD Brewing LLC d/b/a Aeronaut Brewing Company came before the Commission for a Farmer's Series Pouring Permit at 14 Tyler St./30 Park St.

The owners have experience and will have two brew masters on site.

This is a 12,000 sq. ft. establishment.

Atty. O'Donovan stated they have been working with Ald. Heuston and Ed O'Donnell of OSPCD on this project.

The hours of operation will be until 12:30AM.
This is a Pouring License with no food service.

Two neighbors spoke in support of this application.
Courtney O'Keefe supports this application.
Steven Mackay of the Chamber of Commerce in support.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the New Farmer Series Pouring Permit

New All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant (City License- Non Transferable) & Common Victualer License
Continued from February 19, 2014 Hearing

Young Mi Kim
d/b/a Bibim
243 Elm St.

Present: Attorney John Gannon

Atty. Gannon representing Bibim came before the Commission requesting approval for a New All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License and a Common Victualer License.

This will be a family owned restaurant with 78 seats.

The applicants currently own a restaurant in Allston.

This restaurant will be located at the old McDonalds location.

Some construction will be done to this location.

The menu will consist of traditional Korean food.

Atty. Gannon stated a community meeting was held on March 11, 2014 and the neighbors had no objections.

Alderman Connolly, Alderman Sullivan and Alderman Gewirtz sent e-mail in support of this application.

George Proakis of OSPCD recommended approval of this application.

Steven Mackay of the Chamber of Commerce spoke in support.

Two residents sent emails supporting this applicant.

VOTED: to a grant New All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License and Common Victualer License.

Non-Renewal of 2014 Common Victualer License

Kickass Cupcakes, 378 Highland Ave. for non-renewal of the 2014 Common Victualer license.

Kevin Ross appeared on behalf of Kickass Cupcakes. Mr. Ross stated they didn't renew the license because they weren't sure if they would be staying at the current location. They are having problems with the lease and have been going on a month to month basis.

Chairman Upton stated the lease would have nothing to do with operating without your Common Victualer license and that isn't a reason for non-renewal of the license.

Mr. Ross stated he misunderstood the situation.

Mr. Ross was instructed to file the proper paperwork at the City Hall tomorrow morning to be in compliance and to pay the required fee.

The Board has requested the licensee at Cobble Hill, 81 Park St. (former location of Dodakin's Auto) appear before the Commission at the next hearing to give a status update on the restaurant opening.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Jenneen M. Pagliaro
Executive Secretary